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“HUMANIZATION” Art Exhibition Coming to Space 38|39

Artwork responds to the question, “What does it mean to be human?”

NEW YORK, NY (April 5, 2010) – Struggle has ensued since that day in the garden. Was humanity lost along with paradise? International Arts Movement announces the opening of HUMANIZATION, an art exhibition featuring seven Philadelphia-based artists who have created around the question, “What does it mean to be human?” An opening reception will take place Friday, April 9, from 6:00-9:00 pm at International Arts Movement’s Space 38|39, located at 38 West 39th Street, 3rd Floor. The exhibition will run through May 3, with open gallery hours Wednesdays (4:00-5:00pm) and Thursdays (11:00am-12:00pm) and by appointment all other times.

HUMANIZATION features paintings, photography and installations by Beth Altrogge, David Campbell, David Sacks, Blaine Siegel, Alison Stigora, David W. Tripp, and Jay Walker. Stigora and Walker also co-curated the show.

Humanization is a tricky term. We hear it along with its counterparts, dehumanization, and the dubious rehumanization, tossed around in our culture as if our humanity is something as removable and replaceable as daily clothing. But where does humanness come from? The dictionary definition of *humanization* is “to make human”. But can anyone actually resign or reassign humanity to another person, much less self? What is it to humanize?

The artists here respond to these questions about the nature of humanity, and acknowledge that as humans, we are a mosaic of entities and identities. In these visuals, both vice and virtue cohabit our broken yet hopeful existence. These artists and their works offer a fresh perspective on what it means to be human, and lead us to re-examine our definition of humanization.

-Alison Stigora and Jay Walker, curators

For more information on the exhibition, please visit www.internationalartsmovement.org.

Artists work can also be seen at their web sites: www.davidwtripp.com, www.alisonstigora.com, www.blainesiegel.com, www.davidsacks.com, www.bethaltrogge.com, www.davidcampbellart.com, and www.jaywalkergallery.com.

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